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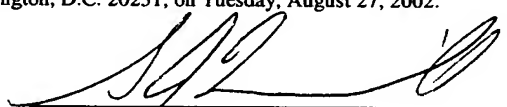
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 3, with the term "[Claims]".

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4, with the term "[Claim 1]".

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 10, with the term "each".

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 16, with the term "and".

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 18, with the term "[Claim 2]".

Delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 23, with the term "[Claim 3]".